

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A woven fabric, comprising warp fibers and a weft wherein:

a) the weft is selected from the group consisting of pick-and-pick and co-insertion constructions;

b) the weft comprises a spun staple yarn and a polyester bicomponent filament wherein said polyester bicomponent filament comprises poly(ethylene terephthalate) and poly(trimethylene terephthalate); and

c) the polyester bicomponent filament has an after heat-set crimp contraction value of from about 10% to about 80%; and

d) the fabric comprises from about 5 wt% to about 25 wt% bicomponent filament and has a normalized unload power of at least about 2.2 N-m/g.

Claim 2 (previously amended): The fabric of claim 1 wherein:

the spun staple yarn is cotton; and

the fabric has a weft elongation of from about 12% to about 35%.

Claim 3 (original): The fabric of claim 1 wherein the weft is a pick-and-pick construction.

Claim 4 (original): The fabric of claim 1 wherein the weft is a co-insertion construction.

Claim 5 (original): The fabric of claim 1 wherein the polyester bicomponent filament has an after heat-set crimp contraction value of at least about 35%.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The fabric of claim 1 wherein:

the fabric is a twill;

~~the fabric has a normalized unload power of at least about 2.2 N-m/g; and the~~
warp fibers are spun staple yarns.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The fabric of claim 1 having a warp elongation of from about 15% to about 35% ~~and comprising from about 5 wt% to about 25 wt% bicomponent filament.~~

Claim 8 (currently amended): A process for making a weft-stretch fabric comprising the steps of:

a) providing a bicomponent filament comprising poly(ethylene terephthalate) and poly(trimethylene terephthalate), said bicomponent filament having an after heat-set crimp contraction value of at least about 10%;

b) providing a spun staple yarn;

c) providing warp fibers; ~~and~~

d) weaving the bicomponent filament and the spun staple yarn with the warp fibers to form the fabric by a method selected from the group consisting of co-insertion and pick-and-pick; and

wherein the fabric comprises from about 5 wt% to about 25 wt% bicomponent filament and has a normalized unload power of at least about 2.2 N-m/g.

Claim 9 (original): The process of claim 8 wherein the spun staple yarn of step (b) is cotton and the weaving method of step (d) is pick-and-pick.

Claim 10 (original): The process of claim 8 wherein:

the bicomponent filament of step (a) has an after heat-set crimp contraction value of from about 35% to about 80%; and

the weaving method of step (d) is co-insertion.

Claim 11 (previously amended): The process of claim 8 wherein step (a) further comprises providing the bicomponent filament in an amount such that the fabric of step

(d) comprises from about 5 wt% to about 25 wt% bicomponent filament, based on total weight of the fabric.